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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting WC Docket No. 03-211, 02-361; CC Docket Nos. 97-213,

<u>96-45</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission Rules, this letter serves to provide notice in the above-captioned proceedings of *ex parte* meetings with various members of the Commission's staff. On January 29, 2004, Mr. William Wilhelm, Jr. accompanied Mr. Jeffrey Citron, Chairman and CEO of Vonage Holdings Corp. ("Vonage") and Ms. Brooke Schulz, also of Vonage, to a meeting attended by Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps.

During the meeting, representatives for Vonage expressed the Company's views concerning the issues being considered by the Commission in the above-referenced proceedings. The positions expressed concerning issues being considered in the above-referenced dockets are consistent with comments and *ex parte* filings made by Vonage in these proceedings. Company representatives also discussed issues relating to CALEA and other law enforcement issues. Vonage noted that the Company, without exception, has facilitated the interests of law enforcement and complied with subpoenas and other lawful requests from law enforcement agencies, including requests made by the Department of Homeland Security, United States Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Bureau of Customs and Border Patrol.

In addressing matters related to Universal Service, Mr. Citron stated that Vonage favors a contribution mechanism that would permit Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") providers to contribute

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on a more formal basis. In addition, Mr. Citron noted that Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act provides the Commission with broad statutory discretion to modify the current USF contribution methodology. Mr. Citron also provided further clarification as to the manner in which Vonage offers VoIP services as compared to those offering made by AT&T and under consideration by this Commission in Docket WC 02-361. Mr. Citron highlighted recent state regulatory activities focused on VoIP applications and stressed the importance of moving forward expeditiously with the pending VoIP Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ William B. Wilhelm, Jr. Ronald W. Del Sesto, Jr.

cc: Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps

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